CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES' CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Office of the State Comptroller, 55 Elm Street, Hartford
Third floor, Conference Room F
1:36 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Members Present

Joseph Duberek (Emergency Services & Public Protection)
Martha Gallagher (Admin. Services)
Kathleen Gensheimer (Judicial)
Peggy Gray, VICE CHAIR (Comptroller)
Bryan Gunning (Energy & Environmental Protection)

Claudia Helfgott (Banking)

Members Absent/Excused

Burt Gold (State Retiree)

Federation Representatives

Steve Kirck (Community Health Charities)
Laura McLelland (Greater Hartford Arts)

Campaign Staff

Jan Gwudz (Director)

Jacqueline Henry-Rafiq (Transportation)

Charles Kistler (State Retiree)
Tim Newton CHAIR (Correction)

Christina Taylor (Legislative Management)

Ina Wilson (Education)

Ann Pean (United Way)

Joyce LeBaron (Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order - Tim Newton

Tim Newton called the meeting to order at 1:36p.m. A quorum was reached.

Review of January 2012 Meeting Summary – Tim Newton

A motion was presented and unanimously passed to accept the May 8, 2012 minutes as presented.

Application Review follow-up and vote - Peggy Gray

Peggy Gray read from notes distributed at this meeting on the decisions made on the application review.

Peggy stated that an additional step should be added to next year's review. The conference room will have a WIFI connection next year and a computer should be made available so an Application Review Committee member can go to charity websites and check on paid board members.

Jan Gwudz will check out the two Planned Parenthood charities who applied. It was also determined that Wellstone Action Fund will be allowed into the campaign. Claudia Helfgott questioned how long the Committee would wait for any other outstanding paperwork; Peggy said that today was the deadline.

A motion was made to accept the Application Review as reported. All voted in favor.

Campaign Update – Jan Gwudz

Jan reviewed the Loaned Employee status: The Lt. Governor's office would send out requests. Recently, Housatonic gave us a person to be used as a LE. Jan had contacted the Mental Health Commissioner about an employee who expressed an interest in volunteering but the Commissioner has not yet responded to the request. The Hartford area needs three more LEs. Charlie Kistler said he'd be back to volunteer again this year.

Non-Discrimination Policy Update - Jan Gwudz

In regards to the updated non-discrimination policy: It was reported that people are upset about this as they don't want to have to change their policies. Peggy Gray stated that there is nothing to get upset about because it is simply new verbiage. The policy needs to be sent twice so that each board meeting gets to discuss it. It should take effect by 2013.

Recognition Luncheon – Jan Gwudz and Tim Newton

Tim Newton was told at the Recognition Luncheon that May is too early a date to hold the event and as a result a request was made to move it to June. It was decided to try to have it in the first week of June from now on. Also, it should be noted that the idea that the "food is free" is incorrect. In fact, we have "contracted with Vinal Tech." to purchase the prepared luncheon.

FaceBook —Tim Newton

Based on previous discussion about the Campaign setting up a Facebook account, Tim Newton felt that Facebook is just a social networking site and that it is not needed to provide a link to the Campaign's website, and the same with SmartPhones.

In addition, Peggy said that online giving is still not yet an option.

Other Comments —Tim Newton

Peggy announced the need for the Committee to go into Executive Session.

Executive Session & Meeting Adjournment —Tim Newton

At this point, the committee went into Executive Session, with a reminder that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 55 Elm Street, Hartford.

Peggy Gray reports: We went into Executive Session at 2:15, a motion was made by Ina, seconded by Claudia Helfgott. Tim made the motion, seconded by Ina to come out of Executive Session at 2:58. Ina Wilson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Claudia at 3:00 PM.

(Respectfully submitted by Joyce LeBaron)